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E.O. 11652 N/A TAGS: PINT, IT, US SUBJ: MIS DEPUTY TO VISIT THE U.S.

1. THE CONSULATE HAS PROCESSED A VISA APPLICATION FROM ONE VITO MICELI, A DEPUTY OF THE ITALIAN SOCIAL MOVEMENT (MSI) AND FORMALLY HEAD OFTHE ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (SID). MICELI WAS FIRST ELECTED TO CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN 1976 ON THE NEO-FASCIST TICKET, AND, AS THE DEPARTMENTIS AWARE, HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A JUDICIAL INVESTIGATIION BASED ON ALLEGATIONS THAT IN THE 1971-1972 PERIOD HE ACCEPTED THE SUM OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS800,000 FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND THAT AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME HE PARTICIPATED IN ORGANIZING AN ATTEMPTED NEO-FASCIST COUP.

2. MICELI HAS BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS AN UNIDENTIFIED ITALO-AMERICAN POLITICAL GROUP AFFILIATED WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 7. AT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME OF HIS VISA APPLICATION, HE PRESENTED A TELEGRAM OF INVITATION SIGNED BY PHILIP GUERINO, WHOM WE BELEIVE TO BE AN OFFICIAL OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, AND BY MARCELLO NISI, AN ITALO-AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN AFFILIATED WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

3. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF MICELI'S PRESENT POLITICAL

AFFILIATIONS AND PUBLIC ATTENTION TO HIS REPORTED
ACTIVITIES AS HEAD OF SID, WE WOULD HOPE THAT EXECUTIVE
BRANCH OFFICIALS COULD AVOID RECEIVING HIM INTHE EVENT
THAT REQUESTS FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE ON HIS
BEHALF. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO
PREVENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM RECEIVING HIM IF THEY
SO DEISIRE, THEDEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE TO
ANY CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES WHICH INQUIRE ABOUT MICELI,
BASED ON REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM,
APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT HIM.GARDNER

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